(d) The total claims paid by LIC during 2002-2003 is Rs. 20746.73 crores.

(e) The year-wise annual dividend paid by LIC to Government for the last three years is as follows:

Year	Dividend (Rs. in crore)
1999-2000	316.65
2000-2001	380.66
2001-2002	433.25

(f) Considering the market value of their assets, the available solvency margin is much above the required level.

(g) No such steps are envisaged in the near future.

International assistance for cauvery water supply

*398. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to include Cauvery Water Supply State-IV, Phase-I in the list of projects to be taken up under Japanese Bank for International Cooperation assistance during 2003-04; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) As informed by the Government of Karnataka, the "Cauvery Water Supply Project, Stage IV, Phase-I" has since been completed. The proposal for "Cauvery Water Supply Project, State IV, Phase-II" of State Government of Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 3672 crores recommended by the Union Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation (Department of Urban Development) has been posed to the Government of Japan on 23-4-2003 for assistance from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) under 2003-04 Loan Package by the Department of Economic Affairs.